

Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

receiving a trading command to trade in at least one item via a first interface, the first interface displaying at least one of a bid variable and an offer variable associated with trading the item, each of the variables selectable for submitting the trading command;

presenting a second interface in response to receiving the trading command, the second interface comprising at least one button for confirming the trading command being submitted;

automatically repositioning a pointing device pointer over the at least one button in the second interface; and

submitting the trade command for execution in response to a selection of the at least one button.

2. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the bid variable comprises at least one of a bid price and a bid size, and wherein the offer variable comprises at least one of an offer price and an offer size, the trading command submitted by selecting one of the bid price, the bid size, the offer price, and the offer size.

3. (Previously presented) The method of claim 2 , the first interface further displaying the variables in a color when the pointer passes over a variable.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein the first interface displays a bid variable and the trading command comprises a bid command submitted by selecting the bid price or the bid size.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein the first interface displays an offer variable and the trading command comprises an offer command submitted by selecting the offer price ~~or the offer size~~.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein the at least one of the bid variable and the offer variable are displayed in a market cell.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein the first interface displays a bid variable and the trading command comprises a sell command submitted by selecting the bid size at least one of the bid variable and the offer variable are displayed in a spread sheet.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein the first interface displays an offer variable and the trading command comprises a buy command submitted by selecting the offer size at least one of the bid variable and the offer variable are displayed in a data window.

11-16. (Canceled).

17. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the first interface comprises a bid variable and an offer variable, the trade command comprises at least one of a bid command and an offer command, and the second interface comprises a

bid button for confirming the bid command and an offer button for confirming the offer command, and wherein the pointing device pointer is repositioned over the bid button in response to selection of the bid variable and over the offer button in response to selection of the offer variable.

18. (Canceled)

19. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

receiving a trading command to trade in at least one item via a first interface, the first interface displaying at least one trading variable associated with trading the item, the at least one trading variable comprising at least one of a bid price, a bid size, an offer price, and an offer size, each of the trading variables selectable for submitting the trading command;

presenting a second interface in response to receiving the trading command, the second interface comprising:

at least one button for confirming the trading command being submitted,

a price field, and

a size field, wherein the bid price is posted in the price field by selecting the bid price in the first interface, the bid size is posted in the size field by selecting the bid size in the first interface, the offer price is posted in the price field by selecting the offer price in the first interface, and the offer size is posted in the size field by selecting the offer size in the first interface; and

submitting the trade command for execution in response to confirmation of the trading command.

20-23. (Canceled)

24. (Currently amended) The method of claim 19, wherein the trade command comprises one of a bid command and an offer command, the second interface comprises a bid button for submitting the bid command and an offer button for submitting the offer command, and wherein a pointing device pointer is repositioned over the bid button in response to a selection of the bid price ~~or the bid size~~ and over the offer button in response to a selection of the offer price ~~or the offer size~~.

25-28. (Canceled)

29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19, wherein the first interface is an entry window.

30. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19, wherein the first interface is a web page.

31-36. (Cancelled)

37. (Previously presented) A method comprising:

receiving a trading command to trade in at least one item via a first interface, the first interface displaying at least one trading variable associated with trading the item;

presenting a second interface in response to receiving the trading command, the second interface comprising at least one button for confirming the trading command being submitted and a data entry field;

automatically repositioning a pointing device pointer over the at least one button in the second interface;

posting the at least one trading variable from the first interface in the data entry field with a selection of the at least one button once; and

submitting the trade command for execution in response to selection of the at least one button again.

38. (Previously presented) The method of claim 37, wherein the trading command comprises a bid command, the at least one button comprises a bid button for confirming the bid command, and the at least one trading variable comprises a bid price, the bid price displayed in the first interface posted in the data entry field with the selection of the bid button at least once.

39. (Previously presented) The method of claim 37, the first interface further displaying the at least one variable in a color when the pointer passes over a variable.

40. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 37, wherein the trading command comprises an offer command, the at least one button comprises a bid an offer button for confirming the offer command, and the at least one trading variable comprises an offer price, the offer price displayed in the first interface posted in the data entry field with the selection of the offer button.

41. (Cancelled)

42. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 37, wherein the at least one trading variable is displayed in a market cell.

43. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 37, wherein the at least one trading variable is displayed in a spread sheet.

44. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 37, wherein the at least one trading variable is displayed in a data window.

45. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 37, wherein the at least one trading variable is displayed in an entry window.

46. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 37, wherein the at least one trading variable is displayed in a web page.

47-48 (Cancelled)

49. (Previously presented) The method of claim 37, wherein the trading command comprises an offer command, the at least one button comprises an offer button for confirming the offer command, and the pointing device pointer is repositioned over the offer button.

50. (Previously presented) The method of claim 37, wherein the trading command comprises a bid command, the at least one button comprises a bid button for confirming the bid command, and the pointing device pointer is repositioned over the bid button.

51-62. (Canceled)

63. (Previously presented) The method of claim 4, wherein the second interface comprises a price field and a size field, and wherein the bid price is posted in the price field by selecting the bid price in the first interface and wherein the bid size is posted in the size field by selecting the bid size in the first interface.

64. (Previously presented) The method of claim 63, wherein the bid command is submitted for execution at a best bid price when a bid is submitted without a price.

65. (Previously presented) The method of claim 6, wherein the second interface comprises a price field and a size field, and wherein the offer price is posted in the price field by selecting the offer price in the first interface and wherein the offer size is posted in the size field by selecting the offer size in the first interface.

66. (Previously presented) The method of claim 4, wherein the second interface comprises a price field, and wherein the bid price from the first interface is posted in the price field by selecting the at least one button once and the bid command is submitted for execution by selecting the at least one button again.

67. (Previously presented) The method of claim 6, wherein the second interface comprises a price field, and wherein the offer price from the first interface is posted in the price field by selecting the at least one button once and the offer command is submitted for execution by selecting the at least one button again.

68. (Previously presented) A method comprising:
receiving a trading command to trade in at least one item via a first interface, the first interface displaying at least one of a bid variable and an offer

variable associated with trading the item, each of the variables selectable for submitting the trading command; and

presenting a second interface in response to receiving the trading command, the second interface comprising at least one button for confirming the trading command being submitted, a pointing device pointer automatically repositioned over the at least one button.

69. (Previously presented) The method of claim 68, wherein the bid variable comprises at least one of a bid price and a bid size, and wherein the offer variable comprises at least one of an offer price and an offer size, the trading command submitted by selecting one of the bid price, the bid size, the offer price, and the offer size.

70. (Previously presented) The method of claim 69, wherein the second interface comprises a price field and a size field, and wherein the bid price is posted in the price field by selecting the bid price in the first interface and wherein the bid size is posted in the size field by selecting the bid size in the first interface.

71. (Previously presented) The method of claim 69, wherein the bid command is submitted for execution at a best bid price when a bid is submitted without a price.

72. (Currently amended) The method of claim 69, wherein the first interface displays an offer variable and the trading command comprises an offer command ~~submitting submitted~~ by selecting the offer price or the offer size, the second interface comprises a price field and a size field, and wherein the offer price is

posted in the price field by selecting the offer price in the first interface and wherein the offer size is posted in the size field by selecting the offer size in the first interface.

73. (Currently amended) The method of claim 69, wherein the first interface displays a bid variable and the trading command comprises a bid command submitted by selecting the bid price ~~or the bid size~~, the second interface comprises a price field, and wherein the bid price from the first interface is posted in the price field by selecting the at least one button once and the bid command is submitted for execution by selecting the at least one button again.

74. (Currently amended) The method of claim 69, wherein the first interface displays an offer variable and the trading command comprises an offer command submitted by selecting the offer price ~~or the offer size~~, the second interface comprises a price field, and wherein the offer price from the first interface is posted in the price field by selecting the at least one button once and the offer command is submitted for execution by selecting the at least one button again.